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FACT SHEET

FY08 Budget

MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF ANNOUNCE CRIME DOWN 8.7% IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2007

Violent Crime Down 9.4%, Property Crime Drops 8.6%

SANDERS ADDS \$4.28 MILLION TO POLICE BUDGET

FY08 Budget Enhancements Will Support New Substation, Helicopters

Mayor Jerry Sanders and Police Chief William Lansdowne today announced that the first quarter (January to March) crime statistics for 2007 show the number of crimes committed citywide is down 8.7% from the same period last year. Violent crime is down 9.4% and property crime dropped 8.6%. Further, the crime rate, which measures crimes per 100,000 people, is 10.4% lower than last year.

Crime is down in every violent crime category, which includes murder, rape, robbery and assault. Decreases were also shown in the number of larcenies, motor vehicle thefts and arsons, with the only increase occurring in the number of burglaries. A chart detailing the first quarter crime stats appears on page 3.

Mayor Sanders also announced that he has proposed a \$402 million budget for the Police Department as part of the City's FY08 budget. Included in that amount is \$4.28 million in enhancements that were added to help address the City's ongoing public safety needs.

The Mayor's budgetary enhancements underscore his commitment to keep public safety a priority even during difficult financial times. Elements of the enhancements include:

- **The addition of \$1.9 million in the Police Department's budget to fund the annual lease purchase for four new, state-of-the-art police helicopters.** For the first time in the history of law enforcement aviation, the officers who fly police helicopters were involved in the design of these aircraft. These helicopters replace the department's outdated aircraft, which included a 38-year-old helicopter which was the oldest operational police helicopter in the country.

- **\$2 million to fully fund operations at the newly opened Northwestern Division Substation.** This 24-hour, 21,760 sq. ft. police substation located in Carmel Valley contains a 5,335 square foot vehicle maintenance facility, a car wash, fueling station and emergency generator. It serves the neighborhoods of Black Mountain Ranch, Torrey Highlands, Carmel Valley, Sorrento Valley, Torrey Preserve, Del Mar Heights, and North City.

FY08 BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

ITEM CATEGORY	BUDGET ENHANCEMENT AMOUNT
Equipment enhancements	\$1.9 million
Operations enhancement (Northwestern Substation)	\$2.0 million
Rent for additional property room storage	\$300,000
Increase to overtime budget	\$83,000
TOTAL ENHANCEMENTS	\$4.28 million